



RESTARTING MAINE'S ECONOMY

COVID-19 Smelt Fishing Camp Operator Guidelines

The State of Maine has adopted a staged approach, supported by science, public health expertise and industry collaboration, to allow Maine businesses to safely open and allow regulated activities to resume when the time is right. The plan is available at www.maine.gov/covid19/restartingmaine.

This is one of many industry/activity guidance documents that the State is providing for businesses and for regulated activities so they can operate safely. Please make sure you pair this document with the general guidance document that applies to all industries/activities, which is available online at <https://www.maine.gov/DECD/checklists/general-guidance>.

Please note: This document may be updated as additional information and resources become available.

Pre-Visit Considerations

- Visitors from outside Maine must follow the [Keep Maine Healthy](#) plan. People who are not residents of Maine or of [other states exempted from quarantine requirements](#) must have received a negative COVID-19 test result that meets the [Keep Maine Healthy](#) requirements, or they must have already completed their 10-day quarantine in Maine.
- Smelt camp operators must inform clients of Maine's quarantine or testing requirement and are encouraged to send copies of a [Certificate of Compliance](#) to clients prior to arrival. There must be printed copies for clients to fill out upon arrival if they haven't provided one in advance.
- Use posters or other signage to remind staff, vendors, and clients of the need for hand hygiene, 6-foot physical distancing, and the requirement to wear a mask.
- Under no circumstances should a client or employee participate in camp activities if they show signs of illness.

Camp Safety

- Separate camps to ensure parties in different camps remain at least 6-feet apart at all times.
- Camp rentals should be limited to one household.
- [Per the Governor's Executive Order](#), all staff, vendors, and clients must wear a mask at all times, whether outdoors or indoors, including inside fishing camps.
- Increase airflow through open doors in camps to the extent practicable.
- Sanitize any non-porous surfaces with [EPA-registered products](#), other than heaters, inside camps between client groups. These would include items such as plastic or metal benches or chairs.
- Refer to the following documents for guidance on general cleaning and disinfection:



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- [COVID-19 Prevention Checklist General Guidance](#) (State of Maine)
 - [Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Facility](#) (CDC)
 - [Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces, Workplaces, Businesses, Schools and Homes](#) (CDC)
 - Camps should be thoroughly aired out between camp rentals.

Employee/Client Safety

- Employees who interact directly with many clients are encouraged to wear a face shield in addition to a mask.
- Ensure employees and clients have access to handwashing/hand sanitizing facilities and supplies to support healthy hygiene practices.
- Consider installing non-porous physical barriers, such as partitions or plexiglass barriers, in areas where client contact is frequent to reduce the additional risk of projected respiratory droplets from anglers and staff.
- Clients should provide their own masks.
- Limit cash and paper receipt transactions; Promote “contactless” payment options (e.g., online payments, pay by phone options, RFID credit and debit cards, Apple Pay, Google Pay, etc.).
- For contact tracing purposes, camp owners should maintain a record including contact information for clients, and those personnel who had direct prolonged interaction with them. Based on current knowledge, a close contact is someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from 48 hours before illness onset until the time the patient is isolated. They should follow the [quarantine recommendations](#).
- Require all employees and clients to maintain 6 feet of physical distance from individuals who are not part of their household group whenever possible.